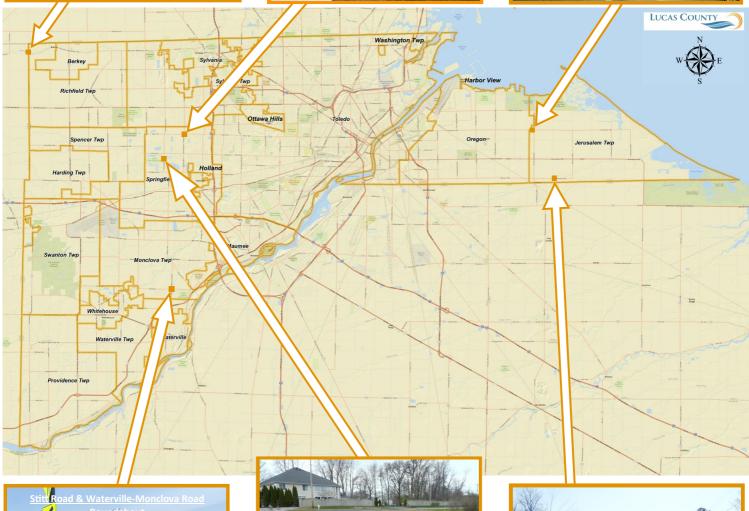


LUCAS COUNTY ENGINEER'S 2015 ANNUAL REPORT















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RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE

LUCAS COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE

- 1. Inspection, maintenance, repair, widening, resurfacing and reconstruction of pavements and storm drainage for the Lucas County Highway System. Road maintenance duties include traffic control, safety projects, mowing, snow removal, bridge/culvert maintenance, berming, pavement repair, roadside ditch and storm drainage improvements and similar functions.
- 2. Maintaining public surveying records, bridge/culvert data, property tax maps and the County/Township's road, culvert and drainage records.
- 3. Advising and providing engineering/surveying services to the eleven (11) Townships in regard to maintenance, construction and repair of the Township Highway System.
- 4. Overseeing design and construction of new subdivisions and reviewing site plans and permits for development projects in the Townships.
- 5. Inspection, repair, reconstruction and replacement of bridges on the County and Township roadway systems.
- 6. Maintaining and repairing ditches and retention areas that have been petitioned by affected property owners. Working with the Toledo Area Sanitary District on needed ditch cleanouts.
- 7. Administering District 12's (Lucas County) Program for the Ohio Public Works Commission to implement the State Capital Improvement Program, and the Transportation Improvement Program.
- 8. Participating by co-operative agreements, in certain road and bridge projects with the Townships, Cities and Villages of the County.
- 9. Managing the Lucas County Phase 2 Storm Water District

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

To: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners & the Citizens of Lucas County

The purpose of this report is to discuss the current condition of our highway system, significant projects completed, underway, and planned, and to discuss the long term outlook and needs.

Current Conditions

Currently, more than half of the 303 centerline miles of county maintained roads have paved shoulders, 2 to 10 feet wide on each side, and many of the deeper roadside ditches have been enclosed for additional safety. Additional lanes have been added to accommodate increased traffic, and we currently maintain 656 lane miles. Most all of the pavements are in relatively good condition with very few potholes or other forms of significant distress. Out of all of our bridges, only one is posted for a reduced load limit. Many improvements have been made to our traffic signals and all have energy efficient LED bulbs with battery backup for power outages. Most of our signing has been recently upgraded and in very good condition. Numerous improvements at intersections have been made over the past fifteen years resulting in minimal delay at most intersections. More improvements are needed, but overall, the system is in relatively good condition.

Highlighted Projects Constructed in 2015

Intersection Improvements with Roundabouts

These modern roundabouts were constructed to address the impact brought on by increased traffic, backups and delays. In addition to the improved operation, capacity, and overall safety associated with the construction of a modern roundabout, these projects also incorporated improvements to the roadway, storm sewer systems, and traffic controls.

Total Project Cost

Federal Funds: \$ 1,393,412 OPWC Funds: \$ 675,707 Local Funds: \$ 276,165 Total Cost: \$ 2,345,284



Dorr Street and King Road Roundabout Panoramic View



Dorr Street and King Road Roundabout



Stitt Road and Waterville Monclova Road Roundabout



Stitt Road and Waterville Monclova Road Roundabout—Panoramic View

*For the complete summary of projects constructed, see pg. 9.

2015 Annual Resurfacing Program-10.62 mi.

Approximately half of the County projects let to construction in 2015 were devoted to road resurfacing. The following list of roads were selected to ensure that most of the county was represented in this annual resurfacing program:

- 1. Brint Road (Kilburn Road to 0.69 mile east of Holt Road)*
- 2. Brown Road (Short Road to Nissen Road)*-See Pg. 14
- 3. Garden Road (Albon Road to Gunn Road ~ 4' Paved Berms only)*
- 4. Geiser Road (0.18 mile west of Crissey Road to 0.21 mile east of Crissey Road)
- 5. Stiles Road (SR 295 to Heller Road)*
- 6. Corduroy Road (City of Oregon Limit to Decant Road)*-See pg. 14
- 7. Dorr Street (McCord Road to City of Toledo Limit)*
- 8. Sylvania-Metamora Road (Fulton-Lucas Road to State Route 295)*
- 9. Whiteford Road (North of Summerfield Road to Monroe Street)

Total Project Cost

OPWC Funds: \$ 657,422 Engineer Funds: \$ 2,118,231 Total Cost: \$ 2,775,653





*Garden Road Before



*Stiles Road Before



After



After



After



*Dorr Street Before



*Sylvania-Metamora Road

Before



After



After



2015 Microsurfacing Program-3.61 mi.

- Centennial Road (Deerpointe Drive to Central Avenue)
- Crissey Road (Bancroft Street to Central Avenue)*
- Dorr Street (150' +/- east of King Road (N) to 5,100' +/- east of King Road (N))
- North Curtice Road (Ottawa Co. Line to Cedar Point Rd.)
- Weckerly Road (Monclova Road to US 20A)

*Crissey Road





Total Project Cost

Engineer Funds: \$ 257,989

Total Project Cost

Engineer Funds: \$ 235,904

2015 Emulsified Seal Coat Program-6.2 mi.

- Brint Road (250'+/- east of Mitchaw Road to Centennial Road)
- Dorr Street (Schwamberger Road to Irwin Road)*
- Providence-Neapolis-Swanton Road (Hite Road to SR 64)
- Sylvania Avenue (Fulton-Lucas Road to SR 295)

*Dorr Street









Total Project Cost

Engineer Funds: \$ 251,003

2015 Chip Seal Project -8.8 mi.

- Cedar Point Road—Cousino Road to Decant Road
- Garden Road—Shaffer Road to Whitehouse-Spencer Road
- Grand Rapids Road—S. River Road to Ludwig Road
- Ludwig Road—S. River Road to Jeffers Road
- Lathrop Road—Frankfort Road to Sylvania Avenue
- Schadel Road—Neowash Road to Neapolis-Waterville Road
- Shaffer Road—Garden Road to Whitehouse-Spencer Road
- Veller Road—Lyon Road to Elliston Road*

*Veler Road

Before





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Significant ODOT Projects within Lucas County

2016

U.S. 20A/State Route 2

A district allocation funded project to resurface U.S. 20A/S.R. 2 in Lucas County from Turtle Creek to S.R. 64.

Airport Highway (State Route 2)

A multi-lane district allocation funded project to resurface SR-2 in Lucas County from near the Turnpike to near Holloway Road.

U.S. 20 (Central Avenue)

A district allocation funded program to resurface US-20 from Fulton County Line to near King Rd.

2017

State Route 2 (Jerusalem Township)

A 2 lane district allocation funded project to resurface SR-2 in eastern Lucas County from North Curtice Rd. to near Ottawa County Line.

State Route 295 (Berkey Southern Road)

A 2 Lane district allocation funded project to resurface SR-295 in Lucas County from Sylvania Ave to Michigan State Line.

State Route 295 (Berkey Southern Road)

A district allocation funded project to resurface S.R. 295 in Lucas County from S. River Rd. to S.R. 64.

State Route 64

A 2 Lane district allocation funded project to resurface SR-64 in Lucas County from approx. 0.16 E. of approx. E. of Finzel Rd. to approx. 0.3 mi. E. of Noward Rd. and from P.N.S. Rd. to S.R. 295.

Long Term Outlook

Our roadway system of 303 miles is currently in good condition. In 2015, we paved approximately 11 miles. We will pave 12.2 miles in 2016 and 13.2 miles in 2017. We can maintain our roadway system's good condition if we do 35 miles of preventative maintenance and 15 miles of rehabilitation and reconstruction miles per year within the 5-year C.I.P. We are projecting an average of 12 miles of resurfacing and 34 miles of preventative maintenance per year for the next five years (2016 – 2020). Depending on what other improvements are planned for any given year, road construction miles will vary.

Our bridges and culverts are in good condition as well. Many of our bridges and culverts have been replaced and/or repaired with prior road construction projects. There are currently 6 major bridge replacement projects scheduled to be let in the next 5-year period. These particular bridges will be stand alone construction projects. Matching funds from outside sources have helped increase our construction output over the past several years, and our continuous effort to secure additional matching funds for 2014 and beyond is a necessity if we are to maintain our system and try to keep up with inflation and high fuel costs. For our 5-year C.I.P budget (2014 – 2018) approximately 40.5% will be matching funds from other public agencies:

 Federal Funds
 \$32,500,000

 Ohio Public Works Commission
 \$ 7,700,000

 Other Agencies
 \$ 3,400,00

 \$43,600,000*

^{*}This amount includes the Federal dollars for the McCord Road Grade Underpass Project.

McCord Road Underpass Project

The following are the highlights of construction that has begun on and scheduled for the completion of the McCord Road Underpass Project:

- The Beaver Excavating Company began construction of the McCord Road Grade Separation Project on August 11, 2014.
- Relining of the 66" Sanitary Sewer under McCord Road completed.
- Construction of the railroad underpass Underway.
- Project Construction to be completed by October 15 of 2016.





Concrete Walls & Forms for Underpass in place— North side of Underpass on McCord Road



Panoramic view of the Roundabout—South side of Underpass at McCord Road & Hall St./N. Mall Dr.







The first of 18 steel beams being delivered and installed at the Railroad Bridge Underpass

COUNTY PROJECTS AWARDED IN 2015

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT MGR.	PROJECT LET DATE	CURRENT ENGINEER ESTIMATE	AWARDED CONTRACTOR	AWARDED AMOUNT
Dorr Street @ King Road Roundabout	DJP	LET 02/18/15	\$ 1,105,071	Schoen, Inc.	\$ 833,592.15
Chip Seal Program (8.8 miles)	JSP	LET 02/18/15	\$ 228,829	Henry W. Bergman, Inc.	\$ 245,851.60
Stitt Road @ Waterville Monclova Road Roundabout	RLM	LET 02/25/15	\$ 661,532	Gerken Paving, Inc.	\$ 617,116.95
Washburn Road Bridge #4 Replacement Project	BAZ	LET 03/04/15	\$ 454,037	R.G. Zachrich Construction, Inc.	\$ 433,237.56
Annual Crack Seal Program (LCE only) (26 miles)	JSP	LET 03/04/15	\$ 180,000	WL Markers, Inc.	\$ 215,985.00
Culvert Extension Project #924	РМО	Quotes Due 04/10/15	\$ 30,403	Schoen, Inc.	\$ 22,781.20
2015 OPWC Resurfacing Program Corduroy Road, Dorr Street, Sylvania Metamora Road, Whiteford Road (5.05 miles)	JML	LET 06/03/15	\$ 1,579,450	The Shelly Company	\$ 1,413,120.78
Centennial Road Bridge #543 Replacement Project	BAZ	LET 07/01/15	\$ 400,000	Vernon Nagel, Inc.	\$ 281,853.42
2015 Annual Resurfacing Program Brint Road, Brown Road, Garden Road paved berm, Geiser Road, Stiles Road (5.57 miles)	JSP	LET 07/01/15	\$ 1,310,000	Gerken Paving, Inc.	\$ 1,251,782.50
Annual Emulsified Seal Coat Program (6.2 miles)	JSP	LET 07/01/15	\$ 259,000	Roadway Services, Inc.	\$ 232,431.82
2015 Milling Project	GW	LET 07/01/15	\$ 64,000	Ebony Construction Company, Inc.	\$ 51,925.00
2015 Culvert Program (#280 & #239)	PMO	LET 08/12/15	\$ 113,000	PHC, Inc.	\$ 97,822.40
2015 Microsurfacing Program (4.27 miles)	JSP	LET 08/12/15	\$ 219,000	American Pavements, Inc.	\$ 206,209.00
2015 Guardrail Improvements	DJP	LET 09/02/15	\$ 238,800	Lake Erie Construction	\$ 228,695.00
2015 Raised Pavement Marker Program	KPW	Quotes Due 09/15/15	\$ 34,032	A & A Safety	\$ 25,295.35
2015 Thermoplastic Pavement Markings	KPW	Quotes Due 09/15/15	\$ 28,536	A & A Safety	\$ 20,881.20

TOTALS \$ 6,905,690 \$ 6,178,581

CONSTRUCTION FOR 2015

Bid by Townships ~ Design & Inspection performed by County Engineer

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PROJECT NAME	PROJECT MANAGER	PROJECT LET DATE	ı	CURRENT ENGINEER ESTIMATE	AWARDED CONTRACTOR	WARDED AMOUNT
2015 Resurfacing Project (Valhalla Subdivision & Stillwater Subdivision) (Monclova Township)	SLR	LET 01/28/15	\$	438,629	Gerken Paving, Inc.	\$ 413,531.36
2015 OPWC Road Improvements (Nightingale, Wynbrook Farms, The Quarry, The Beach Club at the Quarry, Saw Mill Run & Fox Run Subdivisions) (Springfield Township)	SLR	LET 02/25/15	\$	780,391	Bowers Asphalt & Paving, Inc.	\$ 697,565.75
Schwamberger Road OPWC Reclamation Project (Joint with Harding Township) (To be bid by LCE) (Spencer Township)	SLR	LET 03/04/15	\$	356,380	Crestline Paving & Excavating, Inc.	\$ 318,435.20
Annual Crack Seal Project Bid w/ LCE (Monclova Township)	JSP	LET 03/04/15	\$	33,000	WL Markers, Inc.	\$ 29,500.00
Annual Crack Seal Project Bid w/ LCE (Jerusalem Township)	JSP	LET 03/04/15	\$	18,000	WL Markers, Inc.	\$ 15,500.00
Annual Crack Seal Project Bid w/ LCE (Harding Township)	JSP	LET 03/04/15	\$	15,000	WL Markers, Inc.	\$ 12,485.00
2015 Concrete Repair Project (Sylvania Township)	SLR	LET 05/12/15	\$	120,464	B & J Concrete & Construction, Inc.	\$ 116,611.25
Van Dyke Resurfacing Project (Jerusalem Township)	SLR	LET 06/23/15	\$	183,323	Gerken Paving, Inc.	\$ 169,771.55
2015 OPWC Road Improvements (Deer Hollow Subd, Wicklow Woods Subd, Olander West Subd, Pacesetter Blvd, Port Sylvania & Meijer Dr.) (Sylvania Township)	SLR	LET 06/30/15	\$	465,583	Gerken Paving, Inc.	\$ 418,107.10
2015 Cobblestones Subdivision Resurfacing Project (Cobblestones Plat 2, 4, 5, 6, & 7 & Woodstream West Plat 5) (Sylvania Township)	SLR	LET 06/30/15	\$	172,521	Gerken Paving, Inc.	\$ 156,200.00
Annual Microsurfacing Project Bid w/ LCE (Monclova Township)	JSP	LET 08/12/15	\$	20,270	American Pavements	\$ 17,891.76

TOTALS \$ 2,950,636

Before

Van Dyke Ave. Resurfacing (Jerusalem Township)

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2,980,905.12

After

Expenses, Revenue & CIP

Detailed information regarding our Revenue, Expenses & the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) over the past fifteen years is provided on pages 12 and 13.

Expenses

Since many capital improvement costs such as asphalt resurfacing have risen dramatically over the past 15 years, we have devoted a larger proportion of our revenue to those needed capital improvements. Our operating costs include maintenance activities such as snow and ice control, mowing, forestry, pot-hole filling, drainage repairs etc. The cost of performing those activities has increased with rising fuel costs, higher salt costs, increased utility costs and increased labor costs, but we have tried to control those costs as much as possible. Between 2009-2015, we spent on average, 69% of our revenue on capital improvements; previously we were spending around an average of 55% on capital improvements.

Dedicated Revenue

All of the dedicated revenue for Lucas County maintained roads and bridges come from motor vehicle license plate fees and a portion of the state gas tax. We receive no income from other taxes, such as property taxes. Our total dedicated revenue in 2015 (\$11.66 Million) is only 6% more the \$11.0 Million received in 2000, while costs have nearly doubled.

The primary source of dedicated revenue (80%) is from motor vehicle license plate fees. The blue line on page 12 shows that revenue. In 2000 we received \$9.6 Million and in 2015 we received \$9.3 Million. Evidently businesses are not licensing as many vehicles and many families are going without that second or third vehicle.

The other source of dedicated revenue is a portion of the state gas tax, the purple line on page 12 shows that revenue. In 2000 we received \$1.4 Million and in 2015 we received \$2.3 Million. The state gas increased from 22 cents per gallon in 2003 to 28 cents per gallon in 2007. However, revenue from gas tax has declined since 2007, primarily because of more fuel efficient vehicles.

Dedicated revenue in the future is expected to be flat or slightly declining without any increases in the license plate fees or state gas tax.

Outside Revenue

Over the past 15 years, we have averaged receiving \$1.4 Million per year in federal grants plus \$1.9 Million per year in Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grants or loans for specific capital improvement projects.

Federal funding has been used to replace structurally deficient or functionally obsolete bridges in poor condition. We have utilized all federal funds available over the past fifteen years, but very few of our bridges are likely to be eligible for several years. Roadway improvements on federal aid routes are eligible for federal funding, but very limited funds are available. We have utilized federal funds on safety projects, such as modern roundabouts at high crash intersections, when qualified.

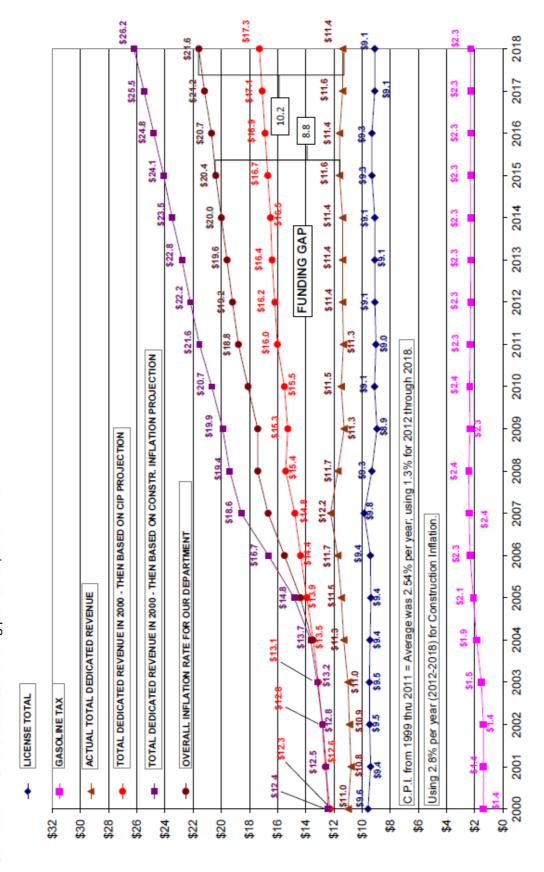
We will continue to pursue all outside funding available, but the amount of available grants could decline. We are using about 93% outside funding on our \$36.5 Million McCord Road underpass, but no similar projects are planned in the near future.

State funding for the next ten years of the OPWC program was recently approved at the May 2014 Primary Election, so that program will continue, but this is a very competitive program. Considering the infrastructure needs of all public agencies in Lucas County, we expect to receive less than the \$1.9 Million per year that we have averaged over the past 15 years.

			EXPENSES		
		1999-2003	2004-2008	2009-2013	2014-2018
Operating	\$	36,011,574	\$ 33,184,708	\$ 27,918,421	\$ 31,530,579
C.I.P.	\$	43,015,029	\$ 46,765,736	\$ 64,477,316	\$ 65,414,756
	\$	79,026,603	\$ 79,950,444	\$ 92,395,737	\$ 96,945,335
			REVENUE		
Outside	\$	18,304,734	\$ 18,171,452	\$ 30,160,808	\$ 32,707,922
Dedicated	\$	57,409,727	\$ 62,344,807	\$ 59,647,929	\$ 57,207,639
Carryover/ Reserve	\$	3,312,142	\$	\$ 2,587,000	\$ 7,029,774
	\$	79,026,603	\$ 80,516,259	\$ 92,395,737	\$ 96,945,335
			C.I.P.		
		1999-2003	2004-2008	2009-2013	2014-2018
Bridge Repair	s	9(6)	5(6)	11(6)	3(3)
Bridge Replac	ements	15(10)	7(6)	6(6)	6(6)
Road Rehabili Reconstructio		104(75)	74(75)	81(75)	71(75)
Road Preserva	ation	132(175)	169(175)	215(175)	168(175)
Drainage		11(10)	7(10)	15(10)	14(10)
Intersections		6(3)	5(3)	5(3)	7(3)
Signals/Upgra	ides	9(2)	5(2)	26(2)	1(2)
Traffic-Annua Programs	I	10(8)	12(8)	9(8)	7(5)
		() Stated Goals			

License/Gasoline Tax Hisotry and Projections - Gap in Dedicted Funds

gas tax, making the total dedicated funding \$11.6 million, which was \$640,000 more than the \$10.96 million received in 2000, but approximately \$660,000 All dedicated funding for Lucas County maintained roads and bridges comes from Motor Vehicle License Plate fees and a portion of the Ohio Gasoline Tax. In 2015, Lucas County received \$9.3 million from license plates, \$260,000 less than received in 2000. In 2015, Lucas County received \$2.3 million from the less compared to 2007 when the dedicated funding peaked at \$12.26 million.



While dedicated revenue has remained static or slightly declining, costs have increased considerably. The overall Consumer Price Index has increased 36% over the past 15 years, but highway construction costs have increased 94%. Since at least half of our costs are related to highway construction, we had at least a \$8.8 million shortfall in 2015 compared to our 2000 purchasing power. By 2018, that shortfall is expected to increase to \$10.2 million. We would need double our anticipated revenue in 2018.

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

LUCAS COUNTY PAVEMENT INFORMATION						
Pavement Rankings* 2015 Miles 2014 Miles						
Best: No Work	96.6	120				
Maintenance Work	147.6	126.1				
Resurface	59	55.7				
Poorest: Reconstruction	0	1.6				
	303.2	303.4				

Includes Shared Roads with Other Jurisdictions

Pavement Work	2015 Miles	2014 Miles
Crack Seal (Contract)	42.3	30.5
Surface Seal (Contract)	18.6	10.0
Resurfacing, Widening & Resurfacing or		
Reconstruction (Contract)*	11.0	9.4
TOTAL:	71.9	49.9
% of System (Overall)	23.7%	16.5%

Width Summary	% of System
24' Wide or more	41.6%
22' to 24' Wide	20.1%
20' to 22' Wide	21.6%
18' to 20' Wide	14.7%
16' to 18' Wide	1.8%
Less than 16' Wide	0.2%

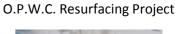
- Average Lucas County Road Width is 23.8 feet.
- Total lane miles is 656 +/-.
- Approximate travel lane surface area = 4,247,302 sq. yds.
- Approximate paved berm surface area = 730,202 sq. yds.
- Average Lucas County Maintained Road ADT is 2,610 vehicles per day +/-.
- 161.3 miles (53% of System) has paved asphalt berms.

Resurfacing Project



Brown Road (Short Rd-Nissen Rd) Before

> Corduroy Road (Oregon Limit-Decant Rd) Before











LUCAS COUNTY BRIDGE INFORMATION

	Category	Vehicular Bridges	Pedestrian Bridges	Culverts
	Lucas County Roads	105	0	0
Keponing	Township Roads	57	0	0
5	BLCC Trails	0	4	0
Ď.	Metroparks	3	4	0
	Municipalities			
ఠ	Berkey	3	0	0
nventory and Lucas County	Holland	1	0	0
ë ä	Maumee	0	0	0
Inspection, Inventory by Lucas Co	Ottawa Hills	2	0	0
л, <u>Б</u>	Oregon	0	0	0
ğ	Sylvania	0	0	0
မွ	Toledo	3	0	0
ist.	Whitehouse	0	0	0
=	Subtotals	174	8	0
_	Municipal Trails	0	1	0
츌	County Roads over US23/I475	6	0	0
од 50	Municipalities			
Inventory by Others, Cursory Inspection by Lucas County	Toledo	1	0	0
	Whitehouse	0	1	0
Cur. by	Subtotals	7	2	0

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Totals

General Appraisal Rating					
Type of Work		Number of	Change From Last		
		2014	2015	Year	
	GAR				
None	8 or 9	83	86	Up 3	
Minor Maintenance	7	43	42	Down 1	
Major Maintenance	5 or 6	35	35	Down 2	
Major Rehabilitation	3 or 4	8	6	Down 2	
Critical Condition	1 or 2	0	0	None	
Close to Traffic	0	0	0	None	
TOTAL:		169	169		

	Lucas County	Ohio's County Average (2014 Data)
Bridges with Load	0.06%	6.6%
Limits	1 of 169	1,735 of 26,298

0

Lucas County has 1 bridge posted for a reduced load capacity compared to state wide average of 19.7 bridges per county.

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Data includes 105 bridges on County Roads, 57 on Township Roads, 3 in Metroparks, and 4 on Bike Trails.

Bridge #543 on Centennial Road

Before



After



Bridge #1 on Fulton Lucas Road



After



Bridge #4 on Washburn Road



After



LUCAS COUNTY CULVERT INVENTORY

Township / Location	Number on County/Bikeway Road System
Harding	12
Jerusalem	20
Monclova	35
Providence	28
Richfield	20
Spencer	21
Springfield	43
Swanton	12
Sylvania	43
Washington	2
Waterville	18
Sub-Total :	254
Bike Trails	19
Total :	273

PHYSICAL CONDITION		BIKE-TRAILS	
Good	243	16	
Fair	6	1	
Poor	5	2	
Critical	0	0	
	254	19	
Total :	273		

Note:

The above numbers represent structures with spans greater than or equal to 2'; but less than 3' with both ends open, and spans greater than or equal to 3', but less than 10' regardless of open ends.

Culvert #159-Brint Rd. at Smith Ditch

Before





Culvert #239-King Rd. at Smith Ditch

Before





After

Lucas County Transportation Improvement District (LCTID)



As a result of an Ohio Department of Transportation request to local stakeholders on March 6th of 2014 for a local sponsor to advance potential interchanges along the I-475 corridor, and the input by these local stakeholders at meetings which followed this request, the Lucas County Engineer advanced the formation of a Transportation Improvement District (TID).

On April 22, 2014, the Lucas County Board of County Commissioners created the LCTID. Subsequently, on May 28, 2014, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) approved the TID registration. A TID is authorized under the *Ohio Revised Code* Chapter 5540 to finance, construct, maintain, repair, and operate street, highway, and other transportation projects, and in relation construct, alter, and repair roads, highways, and other related infrastructure and facilities. The TID enables various political subdivisions to participate and take advantage of the opportunities and benefits made available only through a TID. A TID is particularly effective on regional or multi-jurisdictional projects to deliver these projects in an efficient and cost-effective manner. Generally these improvements are driven by an economic development component.

LCTID Board members and contact information, meeting minutes, and project listings can be found via a link on the Lucas County Engineers website.

Two of the current projects include Dorr Street at I-475 and US 20A at I-475 interchanges. In 2015, Burgess & Niple, LLC completed an Alternative Evaluation Report at each location for the LCTID in cooperation with ODOT. This work has led to the initiation of engineering plans. Completion of the environmental and engineering plans through the stage 1 has been initiated by ODOT for the US 20A location. ODOT will lead the design phase for this location with the LCTID as a partner. The consulting team led by Arcadis has been selected and the work is underway. For the Dorr Street location, the LCTID will lead the design phase, a team led by Tetra Tech was selected, and the work has yet to be initiated. The LCTID also was successful in its presentation to TRAC in 2015 for funds (\$1.5 million at US 20A and \$2.3 million at Dorr Street) for State FY 2017 & 2018 to complete the design and right of way for these projects.

A third project with a more limited role for the LCTID contemplates certain public roadway and traffic system management improvements to Briarfield Blvd., Brandyway Lane, and Salisbury Road intersection in Monclova Township in conjunction with the new location for The Anderson's Inc. headquarters site. This is a joint project with Lucas County. In 2015, the right of way acquisition including tenant relocation for the apartment building was completed, the roadway and demolition plans were completed, and proposed signal poles ordered. The proposed roadway work should be constructed by early August of 2016.

Drainage Department

The Lucas County Commissioners, by resolution, approved the formation of the Lucas County Stormwater Utility on May 11, 2011. Monies were then assessed on tax duplicates to fund Ohio EPA's unfunded stormwater program mandates and capital improvement projects in the Phase II area as determined by the Stormwater Utility Board.

Approximately half of stormwater utility funding goes towards meeting unfunded Ohio EPA mandates associated with Lucas County being designated a Phase II Small MS4 Community. Lucas County along with 9 other communities within Lucas County are part of a joint permit, designed to meet 6 minimum control measures set by the Ohio EPA. The measures include: a public education program, a public involvement program, an illicit discharge detection and elimination program, construction site runoff program, post construction runoff control, and pollution prevention and good housekeeping program. Each year the Lucas County Engineer's office submits an annual report to Ohio EPA outlining what we have done to meet each of the minimum control measures. We plan to continue improving the quality of our water by meeting the Ohio EPA permit requirements and making drainage improvements in our Phase II Area. We plan on continuing our successful programs within our current budget.

GIS

Multi-jurisdictional Cooperation and Sharing of GIS Data and Services

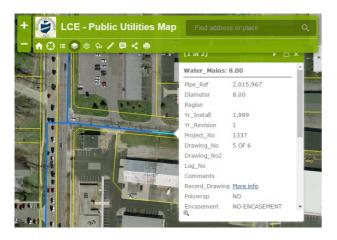
In 2015, continued efforts were made by local governmental agencies, including the Lucas County Auditor's Office, the Lucas County Engineer's Office, Lucas County Emergency Services 9-1-1, the Lucas County Sanitary Engineer's Office, the City of Toledo, T.M.A.C.O.G., the Metroparks and various other agencies, to cooperate and share data and services relating to their respective Geographic Information Systems. Many "silos" (data storage locations) of disconnected data and services were being maintained in the past by each respective agency, which could mean, data that may not have been up to date in one agency's office respective to another agency's replicated or "mirrored" data. With the advent of the L.B.R.S. project in 2010, and the cooperation and sharing of this data to all the local agencies involved since that time, many benefits have resulted from these efforts, not only for the agencies maintaining their respective systems, but the citizens of Lucas County. Any of the now accessible online maps and data, being based on this one dataset, gives credence to a more accurate and up to date information system. A more recent example of these efforts, was the release of the updated Lucas County Auditor's AREIS system. Lucas County Emergency Services 9-1-1 has been utilizing this same information in their dispatch system. The Lucas County Engineer's Office, the Lucas County Sanitary Engineer's Office and the Lucas County Health Department have been sharing licensing and services to produce more cohesive maps for public use, all based on the same data foundation.

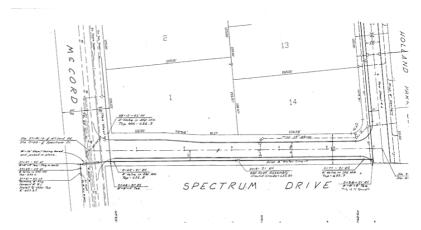
As we look towards the future, the goal of all agencies involved is to have in place a unified Geographic Information Systems platform that can be maintained, and dispersed to each agency from one location, thus allowing for better cooperation between users of the system, less repetitive input and maintenance of the data and services being used, and more of a "one-stop-shop" scenario for the benefit of the citizens of Lucas County.





Lucas County Auditor's AREIS Online Sysem





Lucas County Engineer's & Sanitary Engineer's Public Utilities Map

Road Maintenance Department

Diagnostic Technology for Vehicle Maintenance

The vehicle diagnostic software that the mechanic staff had previously been using via a laptop and older wireless technology, has been upgraded to the latest cutting-edge diagnostic technology with two new devices. Using a county maintained wireless access point, the mechanics are able to roam freely from vehicle to vehicle to run their diagnostics and to download and update the diagnostic software on the devices when needed. Using these devices allows the mechanics to also make definitive decisions regarding a vehicle's road readiness and eliminates the need for the possibility of using an outside source to diagnose or fix a vehicle's mechanical problem. This saves invaluable time and expense for the County Engineer and makes the fleet of Road Maintenance vehicles and the County Engineer's pool cars more efficient to serve the public's well-being and their safety. Each device is specific for the purposes they are utilized for. The first device pictured below (left) is the Bosch ESI Tronic KTS Truck model, for diagnostics of heavy-duty trucks and vehicles that make up the majority of the Road Maintenance fleet. The Autel MaxiSys Pro, pictured below (right) for diagnostics of all other fleet and pool vehicles.



Road Maintenance Snow Plow Rodeo

The Lucas County Road Maintenance Department held its Snow & Ice Season annual refresher on Thursday October 29th, 2015. The refresher re-acquaints the snow plow drivers with winter operations, procedures, updates on equipment and snow route changes.

In addition to the refresher, the Road Maintenance Department held a Snow Plow Roadeo for its drivers to compete in. The drivers had to maneuver through a series of obstacles trying not to hit any of them. One obstacle simulated plowing as close as possible to a mailbox without hitting it. Another simulated driving through a cul-de-sac and trying not to hit any of the barrels.

It had been several years since the department had a roadeo. The Labor Union had suggested to Keith Earley, the Lucas County Engineer to bring the event back. The obstacle course was planned by Dennis Boyle, Operations Officer. Mr. Boyle has had a long career in planning roadeos. This was his 30th roadeo that he had planned. He had previously planned roadeos for ODOT both local and State wide events as well as National Roadeos for the American Public Works Association (APWA).

Third place was awarded to **Jeff Morris**. Second place went to **Tim Durfey** and the event was won by **Eric Craft**. **CONGRATULATIONS** to the Winners!



1st Place-Eric Craft



2nd Place—Tim Durfey



3rd Place-Jeff Morris

Traffic Safety in Lucas County

On April 20, 2016, I was out taking pictures for this Annual Report. It was about 11 a.m. and I was heading south on Centennial Road, in one of the County Engineer's fleet vehicles, towards the new roundabout that was completed at Dorr Street and Centennial Road. Just north of the roundabout, there is a bend in the road that, as you are heading south, cuts off your view of the roundabout and oncoming traffic. I spotted a car off on the right shoulder without it's hazard lights flashing, and Lucas County citizen Sally Gopp. I went past the vehicle, proceeded to the roundabout, and made a complete turnaround through the roundabout, and headed back north on Centennial Road to give assistance. Within a few minutes, Lucas County Deputy Sheriff Dan Garner showed up. We had Ms. Gopp back on the road within 10-15 minutes.



Looking south on Centennial Road at the location



Lucas County Deputy Sheriff Dan Garner changing the tire



Lucas County Deputy Sheriff Dan Garner & Sally Gopp

According to the Federal Highway Administration, every year there are roughly 4,000 pedestrian fatalities, accounting for 12% of all traffic fatalities and 59,000 pedestrian injuries from roadway crashes. Practicing smart roadside safety techniques can help prevent you from becoming an unfortunate statistic.

Move to Safety

Never get out of the vehicle to make a repair or examine damage on a busy highway. Get the vehicle to a safe, out-of-theway spot, and then get out of the car. If you've been in an accident, motion for the other driver to do the same.

If you have a tire blowout or a flat, good roadside safety calls for moving your vehicle to a safer place out of harm's way before attempting a repair, even if it means destroying the wheel. The cost of a new tire, rim or wheel is well worth it when it means ensuring your safety.

Call for Help

If your car won't run or if it's so badly damaged that it can't be driven, stay in the vehicle and use a cell phone to call for help. Don't stand outside the vehicle in the flow of traffic. If you break down in a dangerous area, call the police and stay in your car with the doors locked until help arrives.

Be Prepared

Carry flags, flares or reflective triangles in your vehicle so you can mark your location in the event of an emergency, even during the day. Remember to turn on your hazard lights so that other drivers have advanced warning of a problem ahead. Be sure to always carry roadside safety kits for emergencies.

Your kit should include:

Jumper cables
Canned instant tire inflator
Heavy-duty rope
Gloves and warm blanket (winter breakdowns)
First aid kit

2014 Crash Stats for Lucas County (Source: Ohio Dept. of Public Safety)	
<u>Total Crashes</u>	Pedestrian Related
Injury: 3,651	Injury: 98
Property Damage: 9,236	Property Damage: 7
Fatal: 37	Fatal: 6

The Lucas County Sheriff's Office and the Lucas County Engineer's Office is committed to providing safety and protection for the well-being of the citizens of Lucas County through road improvements and public service.









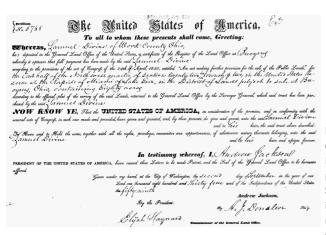
Locating History...

The First Surveyor of Lucas County

The Lucas County Engineer's Office celebrated it's 80th year in 2015. Prior to the establishment of the Office of the Lucas County Engineer in 1935, the official title of the position held in this office was known as the Lucas County Surveyor, established in 1835. This position was first held by Samuel Divine. Samuel Divine was born on April 16, 1809 in Sterling, Cayuga Co., New York. He was the son of Captain Joseph F. Divine (War of 1812, Divine's Co., N.Y. Militia), and Esther Wilmarth. The Joseph Divine family relocated from NY to Lucas Co. in 1833, then two of Samuel's brothers went to Hillsdale Co., MI in 1841. Their mother and father followed them in 1843. The Divine family were early settlers of Lucas County, located in, what is now Springfield Township prior to its organization. Five of Samuel's brothers, John, Joseph, Asa, Selah and Daniel also lived in Springfield Township. Samuel was the first official surveyor of Lucas County, serving from 1836 to 1838, and as such, laid out the town of Vinton in what was Adams Township, the town of Sylvania, and the town of Monclova. He also served as what, at the time was known as a Viewer. A Viewer was an individual that was appointed by the County Commissioners to oversee and help with the survey of any proposed roads. Viewers were made up of 2 to 3 appointed individuals, who typically doubled as chainmen or markers, as the survey was being performed. The viewers would then make an official report back to the commissioners, reporting on any possible detriment or damage that the proposed road may cause any one town or the well-being of citizens. They would then make recommendations to the commissioners to have the survey adjusted if they believed it necessary. From 1841 to 1844 Samuel was the Springfield Township Clerk, and in 1843 was a delegate to the county convention of the Whig party. He was also a Lucas County Commissioner from 1849 to 1853, and served several terms as a justice of the peace.

"In accordance with the act of the Board of County Commissioners, erecting the Township of Springfield, the first election for civil officers was held at the house of William Ford, October 8, 1836. March 5, 1838, the Trustees, James Egnew, John Birchfield and Patrick Flynn, settled with the Supervisors of Highways. No charges were made for services. April 2, 1838, the electors of the Township held their annual election at the house of Samuel Divine."

Sometime between 1860 and 1870, Samuel Divine relocated his family to Woodbridge Twp., Hillsdale Co., MI. He probably did so to be nearer the rest of his brothers and other family, or perhaps, due to the Civil War. Samuel passed away on the 31st of May, 1885 and is buried in the Divine Cemetery, Woodbridge Twp., Hillsdale Co., MI. His brother, Selah passed away in Springfield Twp., Lucas Co., OH in 1854 and is buried with other members of the Divine family in the Springfield Cemetery.



Pictured Right—Typical Road Survey & Platdated in March of 1836. Surveyed by Samuel Divine. It is a portion of what is now Airport Hwy. between Eastgate and Detroit Ave.

Pictured Left—U.S. Land Office Certificate

certifying by an 1820 Act for the Sale of

Public Lands. Samuel Divine of Wood Co.

purchasing 80 acres in Bucyrus, Ohio, dated

Sept. 2, 1834, approved and signed by President of the United States, Andrew Jackson.

(Joseph Divine, Samuel's father, made a similar purchase on the same date).

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Main Office Employees

Josh Hazard - 20 Years

Joel Palermo - 20 Years

Tina Richey - 20 Years

Joe Shultz - 15 Years

Kara Moore - 10 Years Kyle Warner - 10 Years SERVICE AWARDS

Road Maintenance Employees

Mayones field Provides 136 - ME & Wenter & Viervenz

Eric Craft - 20 Years Tim Durfey - 20 Years Galen Molnar - 30 Years

LUCAS COUNTY OHIO Keith G. Earley

Keith G. Earley Lucas County Engineer, P.E./P.S. http://co.lucas.oh.us

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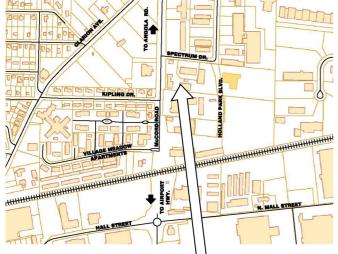
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Keith G. Earley, P.E., P.S.		213-2839	Chief Dep
			Bridge Eng
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>			Chief Surv
Administrative Deputy	Mark Drennen, MPA	213-2851	Constructi
Clerical Supervisor	Missy Dixon	213-2848	Const. Pro
Account Specialist	Kara Moore	213-2849	Design En
Account Specialist	Kimberly Kettman	213-2892	Drainage I
			Drainage 8
ROAD MAINTENANCE DEPT.		213-2879	Planning E
Superintendent	Greg Wimberly	213-2890	R/W Coor
Assistant Superintendent	Ryan Belinski	213-2891	Tax Map S
Operations Officer	Dennis Boyle	213-2879	Township
Road Foreman	John Bowser	213-2879	Traffic Op
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P.E. Professional EngineerP.S. Professional Surveyor

E.I. Engineer Intern

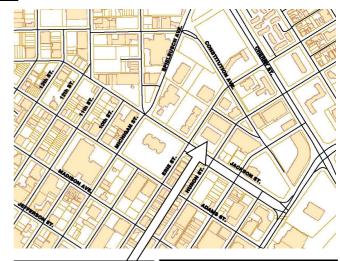
DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION & TRAFFIC STAFF					
Chief Deputy Engineer	Jeffery Lohse, P.E.	213-2858			
Bridge Engineer	Bryan Zienta, P.E.	213-2859			
Chief Surveyor	Denny Pritscher, P.S.	213-2834			
Construction Engineer	Joel Palermo, P.E.	213-2840			
Const. Project Supervisor	Joshua Hazard, E.I.	213-2841			
Design Engineer	Patrick O'Boyle, P.E.	213-2855			
Drainage Engineer	Brian W. Miller, P.E.	213-2830			
Drainage & GIS	Robert Neubert	213-2832			
Planning Engineer	Doug Parrish, P.E.	213-2856			
R/W Coordinator	Joe Shultz	213-2864			
Tax Map Supervisor	Kelly Forgette	213-4652			
Township Engineer	Sarah Rowland, P.E.	213-2857			
Traffic Operations Eng.	Ronald Myers, P.E.	213-2854			
Traffic Design Engineer	Kyle Warner, P.E.	213-2875			
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